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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

On August 11, 2005, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 119-126 and 129-131. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 28, 2005, and Applicants' Appeal Brief was filed December 28, 2005. An Examiner's Answer was mailed on January 23, 2006 and a Reply Brief was filed on March 23, 2006.

Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment, which accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application. This Preliminary Amendment is concurrently filed with an Information Disclosure Statement with additional references in support of the Applicants' arguments. Applicants respectfully request that the information listed in the Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. This Amendment is being timely filed requesting no extension of time. Applicants' arguments presented in the previously filed Appeal Brief and Reply Brief are incorporated herewith in their entirety. Entry of this amendment and consideration of the following arguments is respectfully requested.

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.